

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1038  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Betsy Camille Rhea,  
2004 Valedictorian of Gatlinburg-Pittman High  
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Betsy Camille Rhea is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Betsy C. Rhea has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Betsy Rhea has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average and posted perfect attendance while being a three-year member of the Gold Honor Roll; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rhea has been honored with numerous prestigious awards during her high school years, including being named an All American Scholar, receiving the United States Achievement Academy for Science Award, a Certificate of Honorable Merit on the National Latin Exam and the American Character and Citizenship Award, as well as being listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, Betsy has been an integral part of the gold-medal winning Academic Decathlon team and has won individual medals in Literature, Science, Music and Art at the regional level, in addition to claiming an individual medal in Essay at the state level; and

WHEREAS, a true renaissance scholar, Ms. Rhea has won Class Awards in numerous subjects and courses, including Algebra, Honors English, Chemistry, Latin II, Trigonometry,

Anatomy/Physiology, Honors Biology II, Computer Applications and Economics, as just a small sample; and

WHEREAS, she is an active and invaluable member of her school community and has participated as a member of the National Junior Classical League, the Latin Club, the Student Council, Beta Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Christians in Action; and

WHEREAS, a leader among her peers, Ms. Rhea has served as Vice-President of both her Sophomore and Junior class and Treasurer of her Senior class, was Captain of her Honors Biology II team, was invited to the 2003 National Leadership Conference and was one of only two delegates from her school to the Student Congress on Policies in Education; and

WHEREAS, distinguishing herself as a young leader in her community, Betsy is an active member of her church, where she is a member of the Choir and a Christian Youth Olympics participant and production assistant for the annual Christmas Production; she has served as a National Park Service Volunteer for 3 years, assisted in the annual Toys for Tots/canned food drives at her school and performed at the Hope of America Fundraiser, in addition to being a five-year volunteer for Kids Voting; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rhea's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as she attends the University of Tennessee at Knoxville as a National Merit Scholar; and

WHEREAS, Betsy's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Ronald and Kathy Rhea, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Betsy Rhea's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2004 Gatlinburg-Pittman High School Valedictorian, Betsy Camille Rhea, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.